

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Anthony J. Josephson on 10/18/10.

3. Claims 1, 18, 31, and 35 have been amended as follows:
 1. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling access to emergency services comprising:
 - a) receiving call setup requests from at least one originating device;
 - b) determining select call setup requests from the call setup requests that are received from users who are authorized to initiate a call for emergency services;
 - c) selecting a priority level from a plurality of priority levels for each of the select call setup requests;
 - d) creating emergency information for each of the select call setup requests based on the determination;

d) e) inserting the emergency information and the selected priority levels into the select call setup requests; and

e) f) forwarding the select call setup requests toward at least one terminating device associated with the emergency services, wherein the emergency information is inserted into the select call setup requests prior to forwarding the select call setup requests toward the at least one terminating device where one of the at least one originating or terminating devices resides on a packet network.

18. (Currently Amended) A system for controlling access to emergency services comprising:

- a) at least one communication interface; and
- b) a control system associated with the at least one communication interface

and adapted to:

- i) receive call setup requests from at least one originating device;
- ii) determine select call setup requests from the call setup requests that are -received from users who are authorized to initiate a call for emergency services;
- iii) select a priority level from a plurality of priority levels for each of the select call setup requests;
- iv) create emergency information for each of the select call setup requests based on the determination;

~~iv)~~ v) insert the emergency information and the selected priority levels into the select call setup requests; and

~~v)~~ vi) forward the select call setup requests toward at least one terminating device associated with the emergency services, wherein the emergency information is inserted into the select call setup requests prior to forwarding the select call setup requests toward the at least one terminating device where one of the at least one originating or terminating devices resides on a packet network.

31. (Currently Amended) The system ~~method~~ of claim 29 wherein the call setup requests are session initiation protocol INVITE messages.

35. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer readable media with software for controlling access to emergency services, said software comprising instructions for a control system to:

- a) receive call setup requests from at least one originating device;
- b) determine select call setup requests from the call setup requests that are received from users who are authorized to initiate a call for emergency services;
- c) select a priority level from a plurality of priority levels for each of the select call setup requests;
- d) create emergency information for each of the select call setup requests based on the determination;

⇒ e) insert the emergency information and the selected priority levels into the select call setup requests; and

⇒ f) forward the select call setup requests toward at least one terminating device associated with the emergency services, wherein the emergency information is inserted into the select call setup requests prior to forwarding the select call setup requests toward the at least one terminating device where one of the at least one originating or terminating devices resides on a packet network.

4. Claims 6 and 23 are canceled.

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